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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : K. FURUKAWA et al
Serial No. : 10/713,849
Filed : November 14, 2003
For : OPTICAL DISC DRIVE HAVING
A FUNCTION FOR ESTIMATING
DOUBLE REFRACTION IN DISC
Art Unit : 2627
Examiner : Joseph R. HALEY
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RESPONSE- 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 16,
2006, the term for response to which expires on September 16,
2006.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-6, for further
prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits
now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully
responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

September 12, 2006

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